



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton Monday May 5, 2014

The Work Session begins at 6:00pm. Times for RL(s)/Topics are approximate only and items may be considered earlier or later.

| Time | Committee | Chair | RL(s)/Topic | Pages | Presenter |
|--------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00pm | ----- | ----- | Discussion: Hillcrest Depot | ----- | Brett Chellis, Elaine Miller, Daniel L. Thomas, Joseph T. Zikuski |
| 5:10pm | Finance | Berg | RL 14-58: Accepting \$24,528 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant | 2-3 | Joseph T. Zikuski |
| 5:15pm | ----- | ----- | Discussion: Adopting a Resolution in Support of Global Alliance | 11-17 | Lois Andrascik |
| 5:30pm | Finance | Berg | RL 14-60: Transfer of Funds to Purchase Foreclosed Properties | 5 | Jennifer Taylor |
| 5:45pm | Finance | Berg | RL 14-59: Professional Service Contract to Audit Energy & Gross Receipts Billing | 4 | Michael Dervay |
| 5:50pm | ----- | ----- | Discussion: Unallocated Bond Funds | ----- | Gary Holmes, Philip T. Krey, Charles Pearsall |
| 6:15pm | | | Discussion: Recycling Bins | ----- | Gary Holmes, Councilwoman Webb |
| 6:30pm | ----- | ----- | Recess: City Council will recess at 6:30pm to attend the Planning Commission public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. The public hearing will be located in the City Council Chambers. City Council will reconvene after the public hearing. All remaining discussion times are approximate and subject to change based upon the length of the public hearing. | ----- | ----- |
| 7:00pm | Employees | Berg | RL 14-57: Reclassifying Position from "Code Enforcement Officer" to "Code Inspector" | 1 | Thomas Costello |
| 7:15pm | ----- | ----- | Discussion: Noise Regulations | ----- | Councilman Motsavage |
| 7:30pm | ----- | ----- | Discussion: Shade Tree Commission Duties & Responsibilities | ----- | Councilman Berg |
| 7:45pm | MPA ----- | Motsavage ----- | RL 14-61: Supporting Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act Discussion: Review of Committee Reports and Pending Legislation | 6-10 ----- | Council President Rennia |



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Employees Committee: Berg (Chair), Webb, Papastrat

1. Potential amendments to residency requirements for City of Binghamton employees.
2. Death benefits for employees dying in the line of duty.

Municipal & Public Affairs Committee: Motsavage (Chair), Webb, Matzo

1. Potential amendments to the City of Binghamton's noise ordinance regulations.
2. Potential amendments to the City of Binghamton regulations pertaining to mobile food vendor establishments.



Legislative Branch

RL Number:

14-57

Date Submitted:

04/24/14

City Clerk, City Hall, Binghamton, NY 13901 607-772-7005

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

Requests for Legislation (RLs) may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for consideration at City Council Work Sessions. RLs generated from within City Hall departments must be submitted to the Mayor, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel for review before submission. RLs generated by citizens may be submitted directly to the City Clerk's Office.

Applicant Information

Request submitted by: Thomas F Costello

Title/Department: Building Construction & Code Enforcement

Contact Information: tfcostello@cityofbinghamton.com

RL Information

Proposed Title: Position Re-classification

Re-classifying Code Enforcement Officer (vacant) to Code Inspector because qualified candidates are not available, after canvass.

Suggested Content: Salary net decrease of \$2,925 from \$34,589 to \$31,664

Additional Information

Does this RL concern grant funding? Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes', is the required RL Grant Worksheet attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is additional information related to the RL attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is RL related to previously adopted legislation? Yes ☒ No ☐

If 'Yes', please provide Permanent Ordinance/Resolution/Local Law number(s): 2014 Budget, O13-36

| OFFICE USE ONLY | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Mayor: | <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Comptroller: | <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Corporation Counsel: | <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Finance <input type="checkbox"/> | Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MPA <input type="checkbox"/> | PW/Parks <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employees <input type="checkbox"/> | Rules/Special Studies <input type="checkbox"/> |



Legislative Branch

RL Number:

14-58

Date Submitted:

9/25/11

City Clerk, City Hall, Binghamton, NY 13901 607-772-7005

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

Requests for Legislation (RLs) may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for consideration at City Council Work Sessions. RLs generated from within City Hall departments must be submitted to the Mayor, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel for review before submission. RLs generated by citizens may be submitted directly to the City Clerk's Office.

Applicant Information

Request submitted by: Chief Joseph T. Zikuski

Title/Department: Police Department

Contact Information: (607) 772-7091

RL Information

Proposed Title: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2014

Suggested Content: The FY 2014 JAG grant funds police officers in the City Parks in the Summer.

The award is a disparate award requiring a Memorandum of Understanding with Broome County. The award for 2014 is \$24,528.

Additional Information




Does this RL concern grant funding? Yes ☒ No ☐

If 'Yes', is the required RL Grant Worksheet attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is additional information related to the RL attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is RL related to previously adopted legislation? Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes', please provide Permanent Ordinance/Resolution/Local Law number(s):

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OFFICE USE ONLY | |
| Mayor: |  |
| Comptroller: |  |
| Corporation Counsel: |  |
| Finance <input type="checkbox"/> | Planning <input type="checkbox"/> MPA <input type="checkbox"/> PW/Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Employees <input type="checkbox"/> Rules/Special Studies <input type="checkbox"/> |



Legislative Branch

City Clerk, City Hall, Binghamton, NY 13901 607-772-7005

GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHEET

*The Request for Legislation must include the project title and the purpose of the grant.
Please provide the following additional information.*

Agency providing the grant: Binghamton Police Department

Total project cost: \$24,528

Total amount of grant: \$24,528

Local match (if any): none

If local match is monetary, provide the budget line and title: n/a

If local match is "in kind", provide the anticipated personnel and hours to be dedicated to the project:

n/a

Disbursement of grant (upfront, reimbursable?): upfront

If reimbursable, source of funds pending reimbursement: _____

Grant project manager: Lt. Michael J. Whalen

Anticipated date of project completion: Sept. 30, 2015

Special project completion requirements (if any): MOU with Broome County

Attach any required form of Resolution from the Agency providing the grant.

Please provide any additional information in the space provided below, including any other government agency or private partner participating in the grant, along with a description of such participation:



Legislative Branch

RL Number:

19-59

Date Submitted:

4/30/14

City Clerk, City Hall, Binghamton, NY 13901 607-772-7005

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

Requests for Legislation (RLs) may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for consideration at City Council Work Sessions. RLs generated from within City Hall departments must be submitted to the Mayor, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel for review before submission. RLs generated by citizens may be submitted directly to the City Clerk's Office.

Applicant Information

Request submitted by: FINANCE DEPARTMENT/ MICHAEL DERVAY

Title/Department: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Contact Information: _____

RL Information

Proposed Title: ENERGY AND GROSS RECEIPTS AUDIT

Suggested Content: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO AUDIT THE CITY'S ENERGY AND GROSS RECEIPTS BILLING AND ALSO TIME WARNER AND VERIZON FRANCHISE

AGREEMENT BILLING Contract with Troy and Banks
No Charge - Commission is off returns on audit

Additional Information

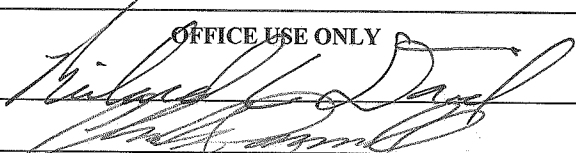

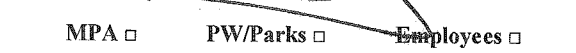
Does this RL concern grant funding? Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes', is the required RL Grant Worksheet attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is additional information related to the RL attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is RL related to previously adopted legislation? Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes', please provide Permanent Ordinance/Resolution/Local Law number(s): _____

| | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OFFICE USE ONLY | |
| Mayor: |  |
| Comptroller: |  |
| Corporation Counsel: |  |
| Finance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Planning <input type="checkbox"/> MPA <input type="checkbox"/> PW/Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Employees <input type="checkbox"/> Rules/Special Studies <input type="checkbox"/> |



Legislative Branch

RL Number:

19-60

Date Submitted:

4/30/19

City Clerk, City Hall, Binghamton, NY 13901 607-772-7005

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

Requests for Legislation (RLs) may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for consideration at City Council Work Sessions. RLs generated from within City Hall departments must be submitted to the Mayor, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel for review before submission. RLs generated by citizens may be submitted directly to the City Clerk's Office.

Applicant Information

Request submitted by: Jennifer Taylor
Title/Department: Acting Director/Grants Administrator, PHCD
Contact Information: jmtaylor@cityofbinghamton.com

RL Information

Proposed Title: An ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$7,693 from A1364.54681 (In Rem Taxes) to A1364.54682 (Purchase of Real Property)

Suggested Content: Note: Purchase of foreclosed properties at 510.5 Chenango, 12 Gaines, 5 Valley and 11 Baltimore

Additional Information

Does this RL concern grant funding? Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes', is the required RL Grant Worksheet attached? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is additional information related to the RL attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is RL related to previously adopted legislation? Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes', please provide Permanent Ordinance/Resolution/Local Law number(s): _____

| | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OFFICE USE ONLY | |
| Mayor: | <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Comptroller: | <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Corporation Counsel: | <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Finance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Planning <input type="checkbox"/> MPA <input type="checkbox"/> PW/Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Employees <input type="checkbox"/> Rules/Special Studies <input type="checkbox"/> |



Legislative Branch

RL Number:

14-61

Date Submitted:

5/2/14

City Clerk, City Hall, Binghamton, NY 13901 607-772-7005

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

Requests for Legislation (RLs) may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office for consideration at City Council Work Sessions. RLs generated from within City Hall departments must be submitted to the Mayor, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel for review before submission. RLs generated by citizens may be submitted directly to the City Clerk's Office.

Applicant Information

Request submitted by: Teri Renna

Title/Department: Councilwoman, 3rd District

Contact Information: (607) 772-7165, district3@cityofbinghamton.com

RL Information

Proposed Title: A Resolution calling on the Governor, the New York State Assembly, and the
New York State Senate to enact the "Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014"

Suggested Content: See attached.

Additional Information

Does this RL concern grant funding? Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes', is the required RL Grant Worksheet attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

Is additional information related to the RL attached? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is RL related to previously adopted legislation? Yes ☐ No ☒

If 'Yes', please provide Permanent Ordinance/Resolution/Local Law number(s):

OFFICE USE ONLY

Mayor: _____

Comptroller: _____

Corporation Counsel: _____

Finance ☐ Planning ☐ MPA ☒ PW/Parks ☐ Employees ☐ Rules/Special Studies ☐

**RESOLUTION OF _____ CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR, THE
NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY, AND THE NEW YORK STATE
SENATE TO ENACT THE “ABANDONED PROPERTY
NEIGHBORHOOD RELIEF ACT OF 2014”**

WHEREAS, in the wake of the financial crisis of 2008, there has been a marked increase in New York State in the incidence of vacant and abandoned residential properties securing delinquent mortgages, which properties frequently fall into disrepair, thus devaluing neighboring properties and harming the larger community; and

WHEREAS, these vacant and abandoned residential properties have become a blight in the [County/City/Town/Village of _____] and in many similarly situated neighborhoods across New York State because the properties are often boarded up, dilapidated, unsafe, inhabited by squatters or used for criminal purposes; and

WHEREAS, an accumulation in a community of vacant and abandoned residential properties that are not properly secured or maintained for extended periods can cause a marked decline in that community’s real estate market and the state’s property tax base; and

WHEREAS, there are documented instances of such properties being used by criminals to manufacture and/or distribute illegal drugs, thus leading to an increased likelihood of crime in and around the property and neighboring community; and

WHEREAS, the [County/City/Town/Village of _____] and similarly situated municipalities across New York State are often forced to expend taxpayer funds to prevent vacant and abandoned residential properties from becoming a public hazard, thereby depleting limited local resources; and

WHEREAS, the [County/City/Town/Village of] and similarly situated municipalities across New York State are often forced to expend taxpayer funds to investigate and determine the ownership, occupancy and foreclosure status of vacant and abandoned residential properties in order to ensure that, where applicable, the mortgagee is complying with current obligations under Federal, State and/or local law to secure and maintain the property, thereby further depleting limited local resources; and

WHEREAS, relevant provisions of existing State law, enacted in 2009, governing the maintenance of abandoned residential properties impose a duty on plaintiff-mortgagees to maintain vacant residential properties only *after* a judgment of foreclosure and sale has been entered by a court; and

WHEREAS, this recent State law has in many instances proven inadequate to address the growing number of vacant and abandoned properties falling into disrepair in the [County/City/Town/Village of] and in many similarly situated municipalities across New York State because many such properties are not subject to a pending foreclosure action, and many that are subject to a pending foreclosure have not proceeded, and will not in the foreseeable future proceed, to a court judgment of foreclosure and sale; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence showing that many current and former New York homeowners have been misled into believing they need to leave their homes earlier in the foreclosure process than the law actually requires, thus resulting in even more vacant and abandoned residential properties throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014” would help the [county/city/town/village] of and similarly situated municipalities and their residents across the State better address the growing problem of vacant and abandoned

residential properties by creating a statewide registry of such properties that can be electronically accessed by such municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014” would help the [county/city/town/village] of _____ and similarly situated municipalities and their residents across the State better address the growing problem of vacant and abandoned residential properties by imposing a duty on mortgagees and their loan servicing agents to promptly report these properties to the statewide registry and take earlier, *pre*-foreclosure, action to identify, secure and maintain such vacant and abandoned properties; and

WHEREAS, the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014” would help the [county/city/town/village] of _____ and similarly situated municipalities and their residents across the State better address the growing problem of vacant and abandoned residential properties by providing a much needed and readily available source of information on vacant and abandoned residential properties to local officials throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014” would help the [county/city/town/village] of _____ and similarly situated municipalities and their residents across the State better address the growing problem of vacant and abandoned residential properties by also establishing a statewide toll-free hotline that community residents can use to report suspected vacant and abandoned properties to the Attorney General and receive information regarding the status of registered properties, including the identity of the mortgagee or agent responsible for maintaining them; and

WHEREAS, the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014” would help the [county/city/town/village] of _____ and similarly situated municipalities and their residents across the State better address the growing problem of vacant and abandoned

residential properties by ensuring that homeowners are provided with clear and early notice that they are legally entitled to remain in their homes until ordered to leave by a court; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that _____ by this Resolution hereby calls on the Governor, the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to promptly enact the “Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014;” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that _____ is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to _____.







Mission Statement of the Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton and Southern Tier, NY

The Mission of the Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton and Southern Tier, NY is to supply a support system of information, resources, networking and skills training for all members engaged in Global Business. The Alliance will promote international Partnerships to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit involved in forming business organizations, creating jobs and stimulating the economy.

STEPHEN F. DAY
McKINNEY REAL ESTATE
ASSOCIATE REAL ESTATE BROKER/OWNER
ABR, CRS, CIPS, GRI, SRES
OFFICE: (607) 722-0722
CELL: (607) 427-2727
FAX: (607) 722-9722
steve@stevedayhomes.com
www.stevedayhomes.com



www.GoGlobal2014.org



SPRING 2014 INAUGURAL FORUM

March 27, 2014

Traditions at the Glen Resort & Conference Center
4101 Watson Boulevard, Johnson City, New York 13790

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:15 – 9:00 am | Registration & Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00 – 9:10 am | Welcome. Steve Day , President of the Board, Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton & Southern Tier, NY |
| 9:10 – 9:30 am | The Internationalization of Business. <u>Speaker:</u> Dean Upinder Dhillon , School of Management, Binghamton University |
| 9:30 – 9:45 am | International Activity of the Greater Binghamton Business Community. Regional Statistics presented by John Tracy , US Department of Commerce |
| 9:45 – 10:30 am | Success Stories. Panel Discussion moderated by Professor Thomas Kelly , School of Management, Binghamton University <u>Panelists:</u> Patrick Doyle , Director for Strategy, Communications and Business Development at <i>Pleasant Valley Wine Company</i> ; Eric Niermeyer , President of <i>Stakmore Company</i> John Galli , Owner, General Shoes |
| 10:30 – 10:45 am | Break |

| | |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:45 – 11:45 am | Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton & Southern Tier: Opportunities and Benefits. Panel Discussion moderated by Steve Day <u>Panelists:</u> Steve Craig , President and CEO of <i>Commerce Chenango</i> (Chenango County Chamber of Commerce), on the establishment of foreign trade zones |
| 11:45 – 1:00 pm | Lunch and Keynote Speaker David Wyant , Florida Global Business Alliance |
| 1:00 – 1:45 pm | Understanding Opportunities: Building Alliances with Educational Institutions in the Greater Binghamton Area. Panel discussion moderated by Professor Arie Ullmann , School of Management, Binghamton University <u>Panelists:</u> Dr. Katharine Krebs , Vice Provost for International Affairs and Director of the Office of International Programs, Binghamton University; Debra Morello , Vice President, Student and Economic Development, SUNY Broome |
| 1:45 – 2:00 pm | Break |
| 2:00 – 3:00 pm | How Do I Get Started? Panel discussion moderated by Dr. Elena Iankova , School of Management, Binghamton University <u>Panelists:</u> Mr. John Tracy , International Trade Specialist at <i>U.S. Department of Commerce</i> , Syracuse Associate Office Dr. Debi Mishra , Associate Professor, Ph.D. Case Western Reserve University |
| 3:00 – 3:45 pm | How Can the Global Business Alliance Best Serve the Greater Binghamton and Southern Tier, NY, Business Community? Business Round Table moderated by Lorraine Keckeisen , Business Development and Marketing Consultant |
| 3:45 – 4:30 pm | Networking Reception |



MEMBER BENEFITS

- Join a Community of Small Business Owners committed to Trade
- Access to a Community Forum on International Business
- Latest News on the development of International Trade
- Testimonials from Local Business Owners
- Invitation to an Annual Trade banquet
- Discounts to trade and Networking Events
- Use of the Help Center for Referrals and General Trade Assistance
- Listing in the Membership Trade Directory
- Worldwide Travel Tips
- Resource for Contract, Sales, Logistical, Legal, and Import/Export Information
- Advice from Qualified Foreign Sales Representatives
- Means to Generate Sales Leads Abroad
- Assistance in Building your Export Plan
- Priority Invitation to US Special Events and External Trade Missions
- Consultation with Qualified Exporters and Importers
- Opportunities to attend special meetings in Washington, DC
- Recognition on the Global Home page

The Mission of the Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton and Southern Tier, NY is to supply a support system of information, resources, networking and skills training for all members engaged in Global Business. The Alliance will promote international Partnerships to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit involved in forming business organizations, creating jobs and stimulating the economy.



BOARD MEMBERS

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| LOIS ANDRASCIK | GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS |
| STEPHEN DAY | McKINNEY REAL ESTATE |
| FEYI GAJI | LAW OFFICES OF FEYI GAJI |
| DR. ELENA IANKOVA | BINGHAMTON/CORNELL UNIVERSITIES |
| MARION IRWIN | McKINNEY REAL ESTATE |
| LORRAINE KECKEISEN | MARKETING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT |
| MARY KAY MCKINNEY | McKINNEY REAL ESTATE |
| ELAINE MILLER | BROOME COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT |
| DEBRA MORELLO | BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE |
| DIANA NOGARET | REALTY USA |
| CLIFF OLIN | OLIN CAPITAL ADVISORS, THE OLIN GROUP, LLC |
| GEORGE SCHWARZTRAUBER | GB BUSINESS SOLUTIONS |
| CHRISTINA TORTO | McKINNEY REAL ESTATE |
| ATANAS TZENEV | BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY |
| DAVE WATSON | W&W PROPERTY MANAGEMENT |